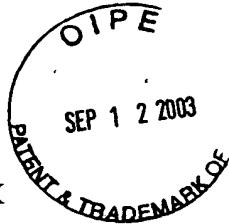


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of August 12, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group V, Claims 1, 6-12, drawn to a process for preparing D-pantothenic acid using a
Coryneform bacteria which has an attenuated poxB gene, wherein said gene is that of SEQ ID
NO: 1.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment and response to requirement for restriction in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith:

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